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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 24, 2004. Claims 1-110 are pending. Claims 1-110 were restricted under 35 USC § 121 as follows:

- I. Claims 1-41 and 81-85 are said to be drawn to a force sensor for sensing a touch force applied to a touch surface, classified in class 345, subclass 173;
- II. Claims 42-80 and 101-110 are said to be drawn to a structure of a force sensing touch device, classified in class 349, subclass 113; and
- III. Claims 86-100 are said to be drawn to a method for manufacturing a force sensor applied to a touch surface, classified in class 361, subclass 213.

Election

In response, Applicants elect to prosecute the claims of Group I.

Applicants believe that a search for art pertaining to the claims of Group I will turn up all information relevant to each of the Groups, and therefore that concurrent examination would not place an undue burden on the Examiner, and would result in increased efficiency.

Reconsideration and withdrawal or modification of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

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Conclusion

Applicants have elected Group I, claims 1-41 and 81-85. Continued prosecution of this application is respectfully requested.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the indicated telephone number with questions that can be resolved with a simple teleconference.

Respectfully submitted,

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